

## **LISTING OF THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-17 (canceled).

18. (previously presented) A system for holding garment hangers, comprising:

a garment hanging rod with a diameter;

a hook shaped member made of plastic and having a body portion and a hook portion;

said body portion having an opening for threading a strap through said opening in said body portion;

said hook portion having a rod retaining surface adapted to be placed directly on said garment hanging rod and having an extended hook region surface and a body portion surface opposing said extended hook region surface, a hook opening being defined between said body portion surface and said extended hook region surface;

wherein said hook shaped member is inserted onto and removed from said garment hanging rod by passing said garment hanging rod through said hook opening;

wherein said extended hook region surface and said opposing body portion surface are configured such that a distance between said extended hook region surface and said opposing body portion surface is approximately a same size as said diameter of said garment hanging rod such that passage of said rod through said hook opening is impeded;

wherein a vertical plane of said hook shaped member passes through a center of said extended hook region surface, a center of said body portion surface, and a center of said rod retaining surface; and

wherein said extended hook region surface is convexly shaped in a direction orthogonal to said vertical plane, wherein said body portion surface is convexly shaped in the direction orthogonal to said vertical plane, and wherein said body portion surface is also convexly shaped along said vertical plane such that a size of said hook opening decreases towards a point and

thereafter increases, thereby allowing said hook shaped member to encounter resistance with respect to said rod when said hook shaped member is inserted onto and removed from said rod.

Claims 19-25 (canceled).

26. (previously presented) The system according to claim 18, wherein said opening in said body portion is rectangular.

27. (previously presented) The device according to claim 29, wherein said opening in said body portion is rectangular.

Claim 28 (canceled).

29. (previously presented) A device for holding garment hangers, comprising:  
a hook shaped member made of plastic and comprising a hook portion and a body portion;

the hook portion having an extended hook region surface defining one side of a hook opening and further having a rod retaining surface adapted to be carried directly on a rod;

the body portion connected to said hook portion and having a body portion surface opposed to said extended hook region surface and defining a second side of said hook opening;

said body portion surface and said rod retaining surface being

interconnected by a transition surface that is curved with no linear segments;

said body portion having an opening and a strap threaded through said opening in said body portion; a vertical plane of said device passing through a center of said extended hook region surface, a center of said body portion surface, and a center of said rod retaining surface; and

wherein said extended hook region surface is convexly shaped in a direction orthogonal to said vertical plane,

wherein said body portion surface is convexly shaped in the direction orthogonal to said

vertical plane and along said vertical plane such that a size of said hook opening decreases towards a point of equal width with a diameter of the rod and thereafter increases, thereby allowing said hook shaped member to encounter resistance with respect to said rod when said hook shaped member is inserted onto and removed from said rod.

Claims 30-31 (canceled).

32. (previously presented) The device according to claim 29, wherein a long axis of said device passes through said hook portion and said body portion and wherein said opening in said body portion has a long dimension transverse to said axis.

33. (previously presented) The system according to claim 18, wherein a long axis of said hook shaped member passes through said hook portion and said body portion and wherein said opening in said body portion has a long dimension transverse to said axis.

34. (previously presented) The system according to claim 18, wherein said hook shaped member further includes a transition surface that interconnects said body portion surface and said rod retaining surface, wherein said transition surface is curved with no linear segments.

35. (previously presented) A device for holding garment hangers, comprising:  
a hook shaped member made of plastic and comprising a hook portion and a body portion;

the hook portion having an extended hook region surface defining one side of a hook opening and further having a rod retaining surface adapted to be carried directly on a rod;

the body portion connected to said hook portion and having a body portion surface opposed to said extended hook region surface and defining a second side of said hook opening;

said body portion surface and said rod retaining surface being interconnected by a transition surface, wherein said transition surface is curved with no linear segments;

a strap permanently affixed to said body portion;  
a vertical plane of said device passing through a center of said extended hook region surface, a center of said body portion surface, and a center of said rod retaining surface;  
wherein said extended hook region surface is convexly shaped in a direction orthogonal to said vertical plane,  
wherein said body portion surface is convexly shaped in the direction orthogonal to said vertical plane and along said vertical plane such that a size of said hook opening decreases towards a point of equal width with a diameter of the rod and thereafter increases, thereby allowing said hook shaped member to encounter resistance with respect to said rod when said hook shaped member is inserted onto and removed from said rod.